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SUBJECT: ANGOLAN PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICIAL VISIT

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1. ANGOLAN PRIME MINISTER LOPO DO NASCIMENTO ACCOMPANIED BY HIS FOREIGN MINISTER, PAULO JORGE, AND 9 OTHERS ARRIVED IN KINGSTON MAY 29, FOR A 24 HOUR OFFICIAL VISIT. THERE WAS NO ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE VISIT AND THE FIRST NEWS OF IT WAS IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON THE 29TH. THE PRO-GOVERNMENT DAILY NEWS MAY 30 SAID THE "OFFICIAL AIRPORT WELCOME WAS PROBABLY THE BRIEFEST SEEN IN RECENT TIMES AS THE CEREMONIES WERE DISPENSED WITH ALL TOGETHER". FOMIN PATTERSON TOLD EMBOFF JAMAICANS DID NOT KNOW OF VISIT UNTIL EVENING OF MAY 27. PATTERSON ADDED THAT SINCE NASCIMENTO WAS GOING TO NEW YORK FROM HAVANA, KINGSTON WAS NATURAL TRANSIT POINT.

2. NASCIMENTO, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY NEWS, IN TALKS WITH PRIME MINISTER MANLEY IS EXPECTED TO "REVIEW THE PROGRESS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS FIGHTING OPPRESSIVE RACIST MINORITY ADMINISTRATIONS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND THE

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RECENT ATTEMPT BY KATANGESE NATIONALISTS TO SECEDE FROM ZAIRE (SIC)..." THE SAME SOURCE CONTINUES, "THE TWO LEADERS ARE ALSO TO DISCUSS WORLD POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC MATTERS, INCLUDING PROGRESS TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER. FONMIN PATTERSON ALSO TOLD EMBOFF THAT SHABA DISCUSSION WAS BRIEF WITH NASCIMENTO CLAIMING NO CUBANS WERE INVOLVED AND THAT IT

WAS AN INTERNAL ZAIRIAN AFFAIR.

3. COMMENT: FROM THE VIEWPOINT OF THE ANGOLANS AND THE CUBANS THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT COULD WELL BE AN EFFORT TO ENHANCE THE ANGOLAN REGIME'S IMAGE OF LEGITIMACY. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER PRIME MINISTER MANLEY TOLD NASCIMENTO ABOUT THE CONCERN HE EXPRESSED TO THE AMBASSADOR CONCERNING THE EXTENT OF CUBAN MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA (KINGSTON 3562 NOTAL). MANLEY WILL PROBABLY BE DELIGHTED FOR ANY RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT HE CAN GET FOR HIS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE MOVEMENT TOWARD THE NIEO. AS FAR AS HIS DOMESTIC IMAGE IS CONCERNED, THE ANGOLAN VISIT COMING BETWEEN VISITS BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND NORWEGIAN PRIME MINISTER NORDLI AND JUST BEFORE THAT OF VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ, SHOULD BOOST MANLEY'S IMAGE AS AN ACTIVIST LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD. EVEN THOUGH THE MINI-SUMMIT WAS POSTPONED SINCE THE FOUR WORLD LEADERS WILL HAVE COME TO TALK ABOUT THE NIEO IN KINGSTON.
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